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IN REACTION TO THE NONALIGNED SUMMIT'S CALL FOR AN OIL EMBARGO AGAINST FRANCE FOR SUPPLYING ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT AS CARRIED BY AFP FOLLOWS:

"IT HARDLY NEEDS UNDERLINING THAT THE OIL EMBARGO MEASURE WHICH THE PASSAGE IN QUESTION ENVISAGES APPLYLNG TO FRANCE WOULD BE WITHOUT ANY BASIS. FRENCH POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA IS UNAMBIGUOUS. FRANCE CONDEMNS WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AND IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING THE PRINCIPLE OF RACIAL EQUALITY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. SALES OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA--WHICH NEVER INVOLVED MATERIALS OTHER THAN THOSE DESTINED FOR EXTERNAL DEFENSE--HAVE BEEN STOPPED.
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"THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT RECENTLY SIGNED FOR SUPPLYING NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS COULD NOT SERVE, AS HAS OFTEN BEEN EXPLAINED, TO INCREASE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY POTENTIAL. IN ANY CASE, ITS APPLICATION REMAINS SUBORDINATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STRICTEST INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS.

"UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, IT APPEARS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT PETROLEUM PRODUCING STATES COULD IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION SO LACKING IN JUSTIFICATION AND MANIFESTLY GOING AGAINST ACTIONS TAKEN, LARGELY UNDER FRENCH INITIATIVE, TOWARD INTRODUCING MORE EQUITY INTO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BY THE CONSTANT SEARCH FOR DIALOGUE AND CONCERTATION."
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